TWIZEL UPDATE

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SLOWING DOWN LOCAL TRAFFIC

Last week Mackenzie District Council (MDC) added another topic to its Let's Talk feedback platform. MDC wants to know what you think about lower speed limits in our district. The document puts the argument forward that reducing limits will reduce the harm caused in the event of accidents.

If the feedback supports the moves, it appears reduced speed limits within town boundaries will be dropped to 40km/h and for most rural roads 80km/h.

There will be a 30km/h zone around Twizel Area School. This has been legislated by Central Government.

The information on the Let's Talk web page says, "We know that lowering the speed on our roads makes things safer for pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders. We also know that slower speeds mean that when accidents do happen, less harm is caused."

The Government recently introduced legislation to reduce the speed around schools to 30km/h to protect children who, as every driver knows, can behave in unpredictable ways.

Council is now asking for your opinion on a draft Speed Management Plan which would see speed limits reduced across the

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district, with particular emphasis on urban areas. Slower speeds in these areas have been shown to encourage people to use active transport options like walking or cycling.

The discussion document is designed to generate discussion, debate, and informed submissions leading up to MDC adopting a final Speed Management Plan for the region.

Implementation of any proposed speed limit changes will occur during the years 2024–2027. This plan also outlines the possible speed management plan strategy, guiding principles, and how the proposal aligns to the approach being taken within the rest of the Aoraki Roading Collaboration, and how it aligns to proposals from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

The final proposal, once adopted by Council, will be submitted for certification by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and subsequent inclusion in the National Speed Limit Register.

MDC is keen to hear from as many residents, ratepayers, and road users as possible, on both the overarching principles in this consultation draft and also about specific roads that appear to be anomalies.

Council is considering implementing safer and more appropriate speeds on the roads around schools, urban areas, and rural roads in the Mackenzie District:

- All schools in the Mackenzie District have been included if they are located on local Council roads – there are seven of them. The maximum speed limit for roads around schools is 30km/h.
- For urban roads, Council is considering a speed of 40km/h.
- For rural roads, Council is exploring a speed of 80km/h.

Council's report explains that, "Reducing speed limits around areas such as schools, or in neighbourhoods, is one way we can contribute to a safer road network. When vehicles are travelling slower around areas with higher density of pedestrians, they will feel safer and feel more inclined to walk or cycle. Slower vehicles will also reduce the amount of harm caused when accidents do happen. All these things are in alignment not only with our Council's strategy for transport, but also with the Government's road safety strategy. Council currently see this as an important priority.

"The outcome from this policy will feed into Council's Transport Asset Management Plan which will then flow into the 2024–2034 Long Term Plan.

"The Government's Road to Zero road safety strategy sets a target for at least 40% of all schools to be covered by a slower speed limit by 30 June 2024, and all schools to be covered by a slower speed by 30 June 2030. Council is using this Speed Management Plan to propose speed limit reductions.

"In the past, speed limits on roads were based mainly on speed and mobility, with less consideration of the safety benefits of slower speeds. Many 100km/h roads in the Mackenzie District have evolved over time and are carrying larger volumes of traffic than ever before. They were not designed as high-speed roads.

"Speed limits need to reflect the type of road and their environment. Specific geometric constraints include width, camber, delineation, and signage.

"Once adopted, MDC will be reviewing the speed management plan every three years, which ensures that the performance of the implemented speeds is assessed. It also allows us to adjust as our district grows and respond to new issues or opportunities as they arise.

"Urban areas and neighbourhoods also have high volumes of pedestrians, so MDC are considering 40km/h speeds to create a safer road network where residents are encouraged and enabled to walk and cycle. All urban areas are covered by a 40km/h speed, unless covered by a 30km/h slow speed school zone or the setting of a 40km/h limit will create too many speed zones. These are areas where there is evidence of pedestrian activity, and vulnerable road users in the area.

"All rural roads in the Mackenzie District have been captured as part of this document, and are being considered at 80km/h. Although there are negligible pedestrians present on these roads, the driver and passengers in the cars are just as vulnerable when driving at these high speeds."

An increase in tourist driving and cyclists is considered in this report.

State highway speeds are controlled by Waka Kotahi. In the Mackenzie District, there are state highways running through Tekapo, Burkes Pass, Kimbell, and Fairlie, and alongside Twizel and Albury. These do not fall under the document to be considered.

Part of the document says, "The risk of death and serious injury with crashes involving a vulnerable road user, is heavily dependent on the speed at which the vehicle is travelling at the time of the crash.

- For vulnerable road users, the chance of surviving after being hit by a car driving at 50km/h is 20%.
- For vulnerable road users, the chance of surviving after being hit by a car driving at 40km/h is 68%.
- For vulnerable road users, the chance of surviving after being hit by a car driving at 30km/h is 90%.

Glen Lyon Road is listed as a 40km/h zone between State Highway 8 and Boundary Terrace with the further journey toward the Pukaki Canal and onto Manuka Terrace at 80km/h.

The changes will mean at least 20% longer travel times in rural areas.

The changes are designed around safety and not efficiency. Your thoughts are being sought now and will be taken on the council website https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/speed-management-plan-2023.

Matt Gunn

Glen Lyon Road will be reduced to a 40km/h zone, down from 80km/h, between State Highway 8 and Boundary Terrace if new rules are accepted and adopted

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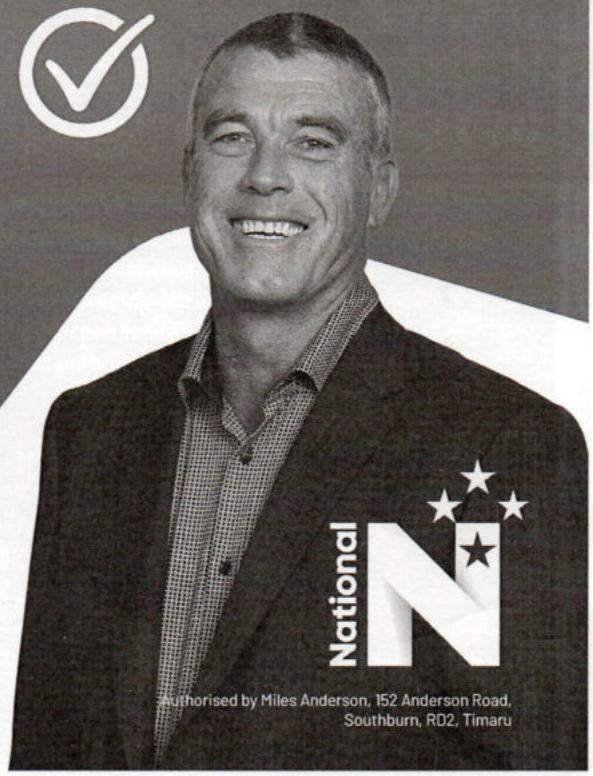

GET WAITAKI BACK ON TRACK

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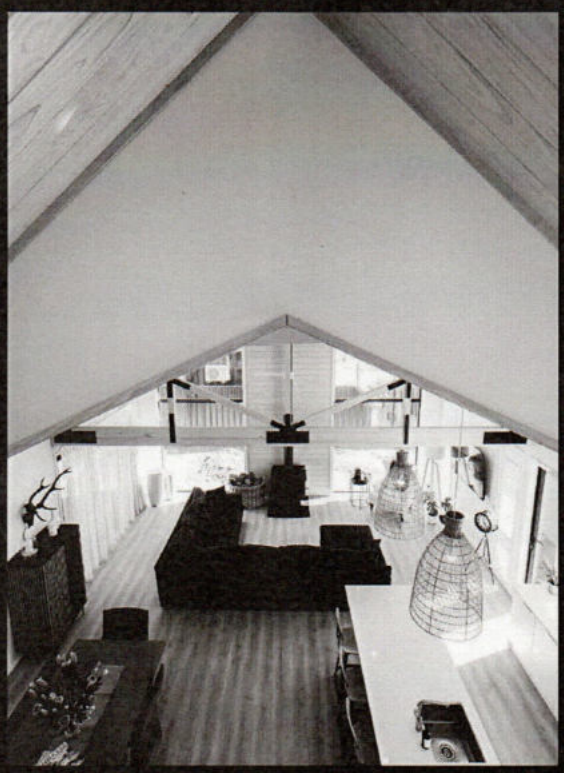

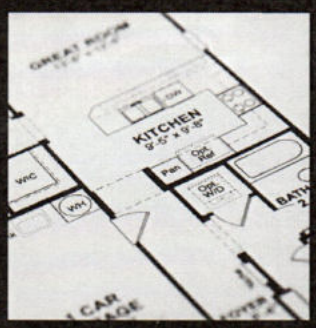

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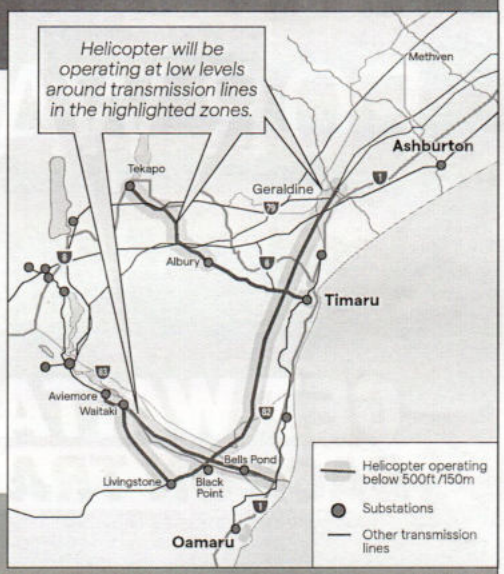
Our final flyover date is planned for Wednesday 25 October 2023.

The helicopter will fly at a constant speed of about 30 km/h, and will take approximately 4 hours per session.

In the event of bad weather the work will be deferred until the following day - Thursday 26 October.

It's important to us that you are kept informed and updated on our activities.

If you require further information, please call Jim Cormack on 021 357 996.



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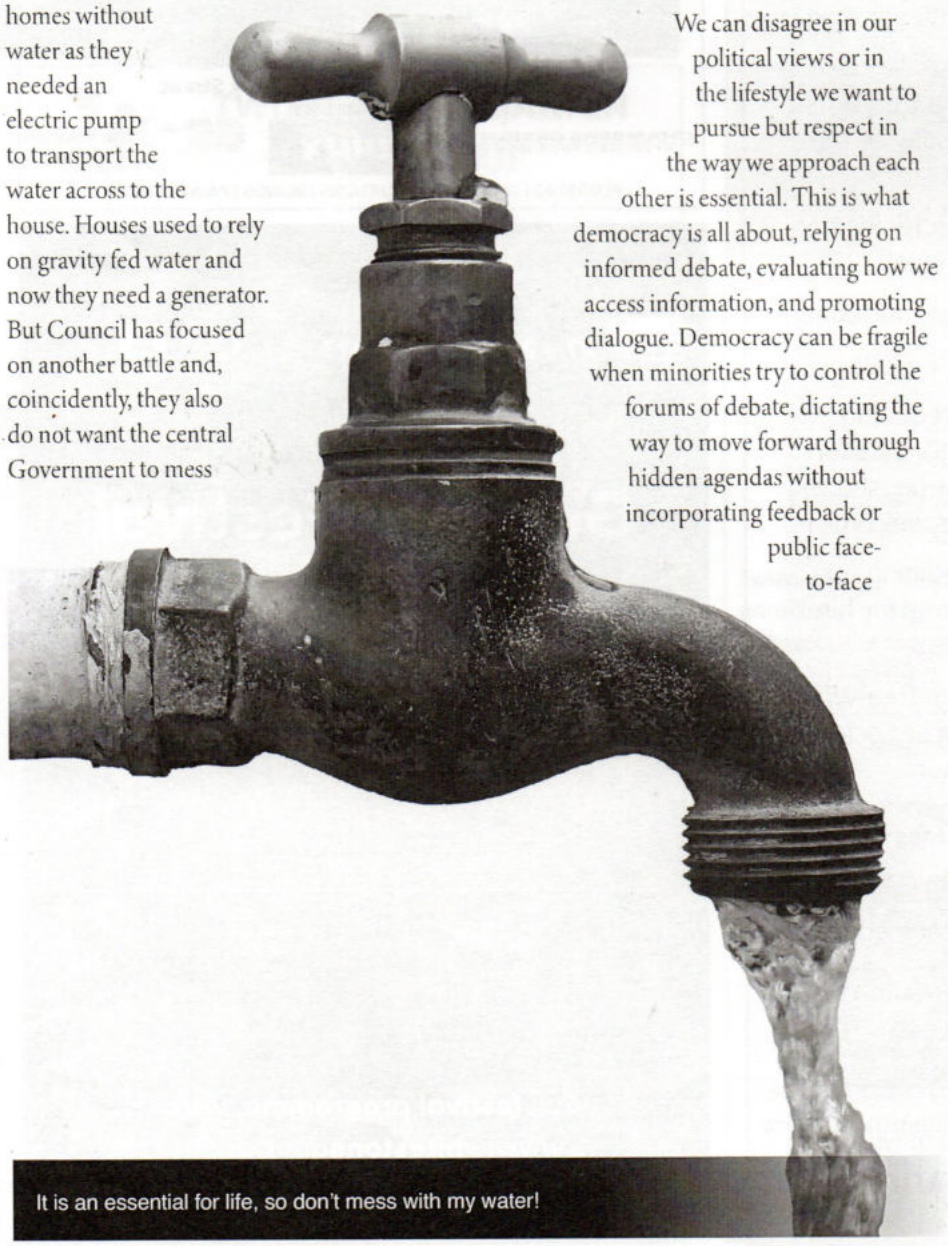
DON'T MESS WITH MY WATER!

This was the sentiment and statement of village neighbours after another power outage affected much of the Waitaki district due to strong winds last week. This time the outage took over a day to restore power in one of Waitaki's remote villages. The problem was not only the lack of electricity in homes but also, surprisingly, the lack of water. Neighbours on the street were not very pleased, asking how this can happen on a gravity fed water source, while deciding to spend the night almost 40km away in Twizel.

This is an example where a local council decision had consequences to residents and ratepayers. The recent decision to require water tanks and UV filters on new homes left these homes without water as they needed an electric pump to transport the water across to the house. Houses used to rely on gravity fed water and now they need a generator. But Council has focused on another battle and, coincidently, they also do not want the central Government to mess with their water.

Political times call for respectful dialogue, kindness, authenticity, and be driven by empathy. People need to know our leaders and neighbours care, especially under difficult situations like water management decisions. Are Council and community members able to generate ideas and decide together planning on long-term impacts? Being empathetic with the circumstances of others might help us move forward, understanding alternative perspectives and, many times, utilising the advice of community experts. Can we find common ground? Water restriction for conservation is a good aspiration for our dry Mackenzie Basin but the key is, how do we do this together?

We can disagree in our political views or in the lifestyle we want to pursue but respect in the way we approach each other is essential. This is what democracy is all about, relying on informed debate, evaluating how we access information, and promoting dialogue. Democracy can be fragile when minorities try to control the forums of debate, dictating the way to move forward through hidden agendas without incorporating feedback or public face-to-face consultation and discussion. In these pseudo-dictatorships, facts are turned into fiction and fiction turned into fact. Ideas are not debated anymore and conspiracy dominates over community realities.



It is an essential for life, so don't mess with my water!

Like countries, our communities often have members who choose to ignore debate and dialogue if things do not go as they planned. They choose to ignore the common good of communities and community members with alternative perspectives. This is division, where dialogue departs, headaches increase, and solutions shatter. Unfortunately, we are naturally predisposed to reinforce our own views, to gather with people like us without agreeing to disagree. We seek attention, recognition, validation, confirmation, and reinforcement, rather enriching us with different views.

How can we ensure a space where perspectives based on personal experiences give rise to understanding and compromise? The internet was supposed to be a place to experience new ways of thinking and to celebrate our differences. Such differences enrich ideas where we can argue with passion and conviction without hate. But lately, with the help of algorithms, we radicalise on our own views even before we even know what we are looking at. Division in our communities ends up in isolation, while differences among community members should be a part of our identity rather than a source of isolation.

Recently, I witnessed a very nice anonymous gesture of empathy and generosity in my own village. It does not happen often but, to me, it demonstrated a basic sense of humanity without needing to report or advertise it. Actions are what define us, knowing what are our preconceived ideas and the critique we apply to them. How do we interact with others, especially those not sharing our views? We can conveniently gather with those 'like us' and try to isolate others who 'we do not like' or who challenge us. Or we could anonymously look out for everyone needing help, not necessarily only 'the ones we love', while being happier through life.

Happy voting! Remember to vote this week by 7pm Saturday.

MJ Carena

THE TWIZEL T[redacted]R

Over the past month or so a Twizel tagger has been very active.

You may be aware of the spray paint attacks on political signs during this soon-to-end Election 2023 campaign; they have been numerous and repeated. You may view them as a laugh but really it is just destructive and given this tagger likely has the chance to vote, it's less effective than using that right.

The tagger isn't a fan of the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, ACT or National parties, and in the last week made their feelings known on the company called BlackRock. BlackRock is an American multinational investment company based in New York City and is the world's largest asset manager, with US$9.42 trillion in assets under management. BlackRock operates globally with 70 offices in 30 countries, and clients in 100 countries.

In August this year Prime Minister Chris Hipkins revealed the Government had worked with BlackRock to create a new $2 billion fund for renewable energy. BlackRock is a target for so-called 'conspiracy theorists' who believe along with 'Shadow Governments', it is looking to take over the world. Maybe it is.

I must admit that I have had a chuckle here and there, primarily as I speculate as to who the Twizel tagger might be. This week my daughter admired the tagger's "commitment to continuing the campaign" when she noticed another tagged political sign which had been reinstalled after earlier being sprayed, at the height of several metres on a building on Ostler Road.

You may not care about political advertising being defaced, personally I'm not fussed either. But the words of my dad always ring in my ears, "If it's not yours, leave it alone." What's the point? The truth is, if you have a message you could stand for the Waitaki seat if your record is good enough.

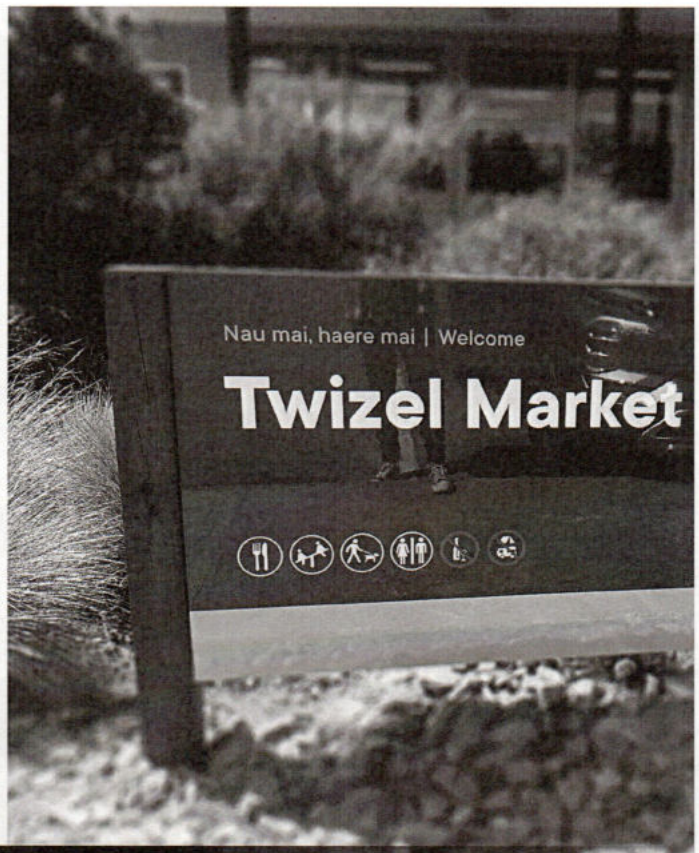
But on Monday I was told of another sign that has been tagged, and this one does tick me off somewhat. A 'Welcome to Twizel Market Place' sign has had the te reo greeting tagged black. Now you could speculate on some racial undertones, I won't, but I will say I think this one is stupidity at its finest.

In a town and district struggling to pay the bills as it is, this kind of wanton vandalism is not needed. As far as I can tell the other similar signs that may be in the line of some kind of CCTV camera have been left alone. If the message is worth spreading, take off the mask and put your hand up.

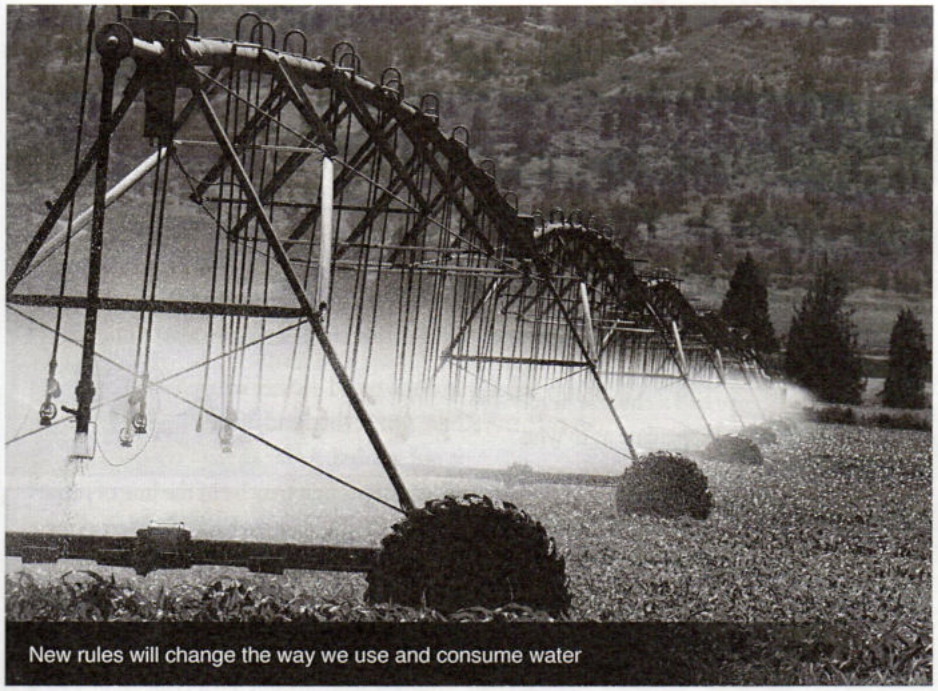
The election will be over by the end of the week so hopefully our Twizel tagger won't be walking the streets with a tin of paint in hand. It would be nice to know who it was so Council can send them, and not the ratepayers, the bill to repair or replace it.

Now where is that dunce hat and naughty corner?

Matt Gunn



The tagged sign located at the Mt Cook Street entrance to the central carpark has been tagged. It should read 'Nau mai, haere mai' like the one near Twizel Four Square



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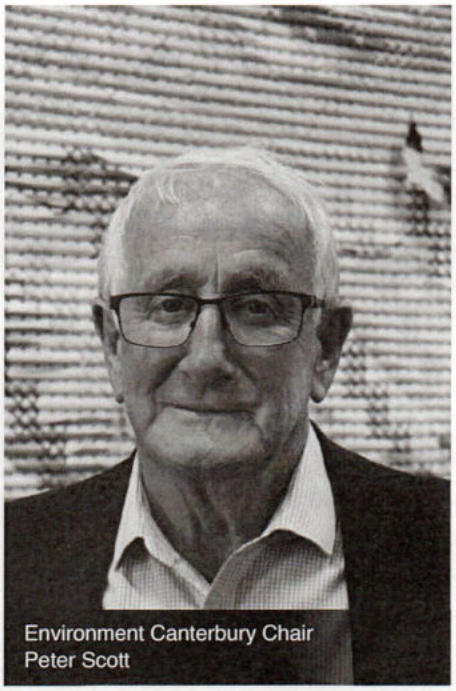

Environment Canterbury Chair Peter Scott

FROM THE ECAN CHAIR: CHANGES ARE COMING

I wanted to update you on some of the legislation and projects we've been working on that will likely mean change for you, and the way you manage your property and business.

Last month, after years of community collaboration, amendments were made to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) to make Plan Change 2 operative and Plan Change 7 partially operative.

The changes are zone-specific and include new minimum flows and limits on the volume of surface water and groundwater available for use. The changes also identify key habitats for indigenous freshwater species, additional freshwater bathing sites, and salmon spawning areas.

For some of you, this means that new restrictions will be brought in to protect freshwater quality and quantity, and some existing activities that didn't previously require resource consent, now do.

In addition, Plan Change 7 includes new requirements for farmers in the Ōrāri Temuka Ōpihi Pareora (OTOP) and Waimakariri zones, to make greater nitrogen loss reductions and exclude stock from waterways.

These changes were made because we needed to meet central Government objectives under the Essential Freshwater package and improve environmental outcomes for parts of the region.

WHAT'S OUR FUTURE, CANTERBURY?

Earlier this year we asked you to help us answer, 'What's our future, Canterbury?' We ran an online survey, and hosted webinars and in-person events which were well-attended.

We asked this question because we are in the process of updating some of our key planning documents and wanted to know what kind of place you want Waitaha/Canterbury to be in the years to come.

In the coming weeks we'll come back to you about what we've heard and provide information about some proposed Freshwater Management Unit boundaries. We're also interested to hear your thoughts on different flood management tools and want to get your opinion on some environmental and climate change aspirations that we have for the region. Keep an eye on our website ecan.govt.nz/ourfuture for updates.

By the time you hear from me again, we may have a new Government.

This could mean there will be new challenges for us to navigate as a regional council, but it will also give us some opportunities that we plan to make the most of.

ADVOCATING FOR CANTERBURY AFTER THE ELECTION

In the lead-up to the election, I met with more than a dozen politicians and candidates who responded to the open letter that I sent to political parties and government-hopefuls.

The letter urged candidates to consider the important contribution Canterbury makes to the national economy as they made election promises. It also highlighted some of the pressures and issues we're grappling with as a region, and spelled out our expectations for how we want to work with the next Government.

I will have more to say on the election outcome in the coming months, but in the meantime, I hope the conversations I have had with future decision-makers will result in positive changes for Canterbury.

If you wish to contact me, email me at councillor.scott@ecan.govt.nz.

Peter Scott
Chair ECan

LOCAL HERO

One of my favourite writers shared, in a very beautiful way, that children have their wisdom stored at birth. He continued, "What is bad for our world is that when kids start growing up, they also start losing their use of reason. They forget what they knew at birth in school, they later work for money, and finally they drown in a water glass as adults."

This story is about a young scientist who decided to keep some of his wisdom and common sense in one of the most remote world places in Nepal. The climate is extreme already so what worries him is how threatened this place is by humans. In addition to global warming, the proliferation of human expeditions is threatening the extinction of many unique species, including bears, leopards, yaks, and wolves. He focused and set an objective to work with local communities in order to study threatened species and ensure their survival.

Our young hero grew up witnessing the biodiversity in the area, he did not lose his wisdom in school. With regards to biodiversity, he shares, "This is one of the most remote, rich, and beautiful landscapes. Since I saw the snow leopard, I was inspired to preserve the high-country environment." However, the young scientist feels the ecosystem is very fragile, constantly threatened by human activity. This is why he leads a project of conservation focused on integrating conservation with subsistence. His method includes promoting area leadership of local inhabitants, especially students, making them responsible for not only agricultural land but also conservation land.

Education, he adds, "allows communities to engage as representative law officers against poaching and illegal deforestation, firefighters, and ecological business leaders utilising local resources wisely". Our local hero also shares, "I want to demonstrate that if local residents are given an opportunity, they could be excellent managers of their own lands, capable of conducting conservation projects while educating the community."

The young scientist currently leads a group of conservation specialists researching populations of threatened wild species to monitor their numbers before and after the new measures were taken with local residents, a model to other high-country world vulnerable areas where plant and animal species as well as freshwater quality are threatened by human activities.

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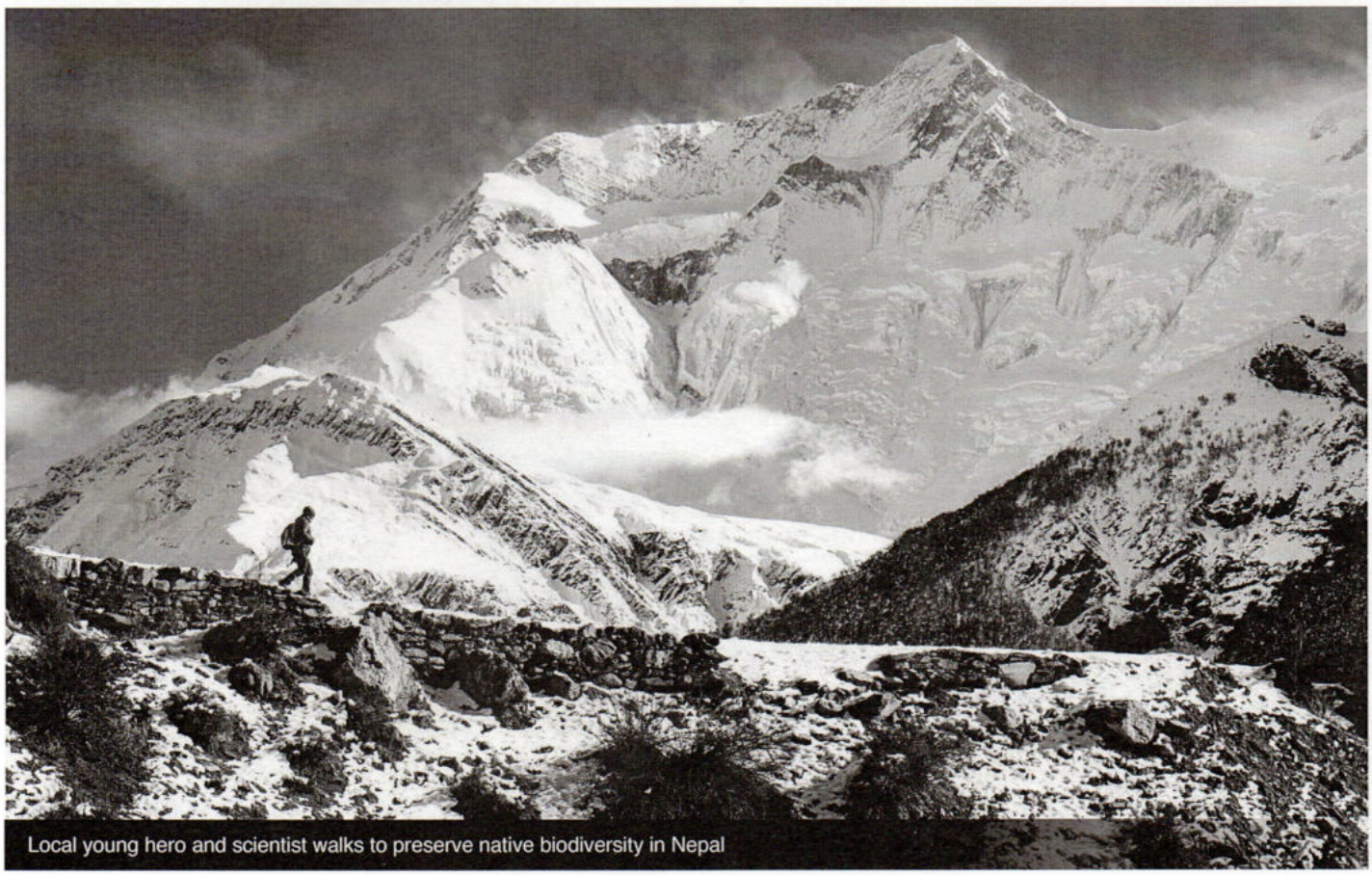

Local young hero and scientist walks to preserve native biodiversity in Nepal

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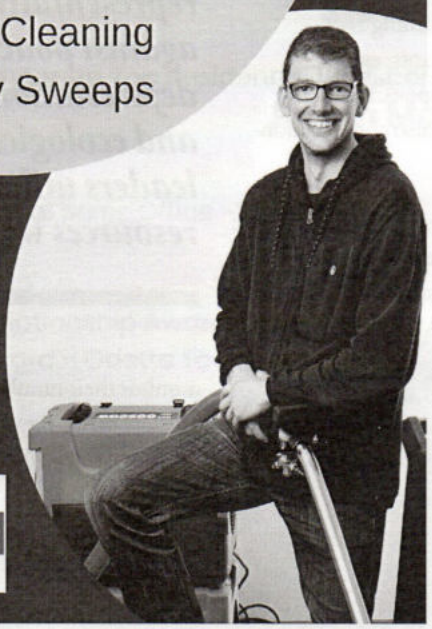

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TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

The Twizel Community Care Centre on Mt Cook Street has a new incentive to help the people of Twizel. A free food pantry with the ethos 'take what you need, leave what you can'.

Pātaka Kai, which means storehouse or pantry in te reo Māori, is a place where locals will be able to leave food for others to take for free.

Rescuing food from people's gardens, Twizel area reserves, as well as any items you have plenty of but may not need, from being thrown away or rotting on the ground, the pantry will be a place people in need can gather what they need, and the community can 'swap' items from what they have. Neighbours, including any local businesses, are welcome to donate items to the pantry and the local community can come and check for available food.

This incentive will not replace the current food bank but instead, be an addition in supporting the community – building the community and sharing food.

The already established community gardens will be involved in growing and providing fruit and vegetables also. The purpose of these gardens is to demonstrate water conservation techniques in home gardening e.g., swales, wicking bed, native plant hügelkultur (building garden beds from old logs/plant debris) and collection of rainwater.

Twizel Kindergarten is also involved as they share the view and excitement of sharing Māori ways of doing things in the present and into the future that were done in the past. They will also be taking part in providing for the Pātaka Kai and will have another open food pantry at their site on Mackenzie Drive very soon. The kindergarten will utilise their environment to grow tamariki involvement as kaitiaki/leaders in shared decisions and actions as they plan to create gardens to grow kai/food and contribute through manaakitanga* to the community. These community incentives ensure future sustainability for future generations.

The Mt Cook Street pantry will take pride and place outside of the community centre and will be managed by the office manager of the centre.

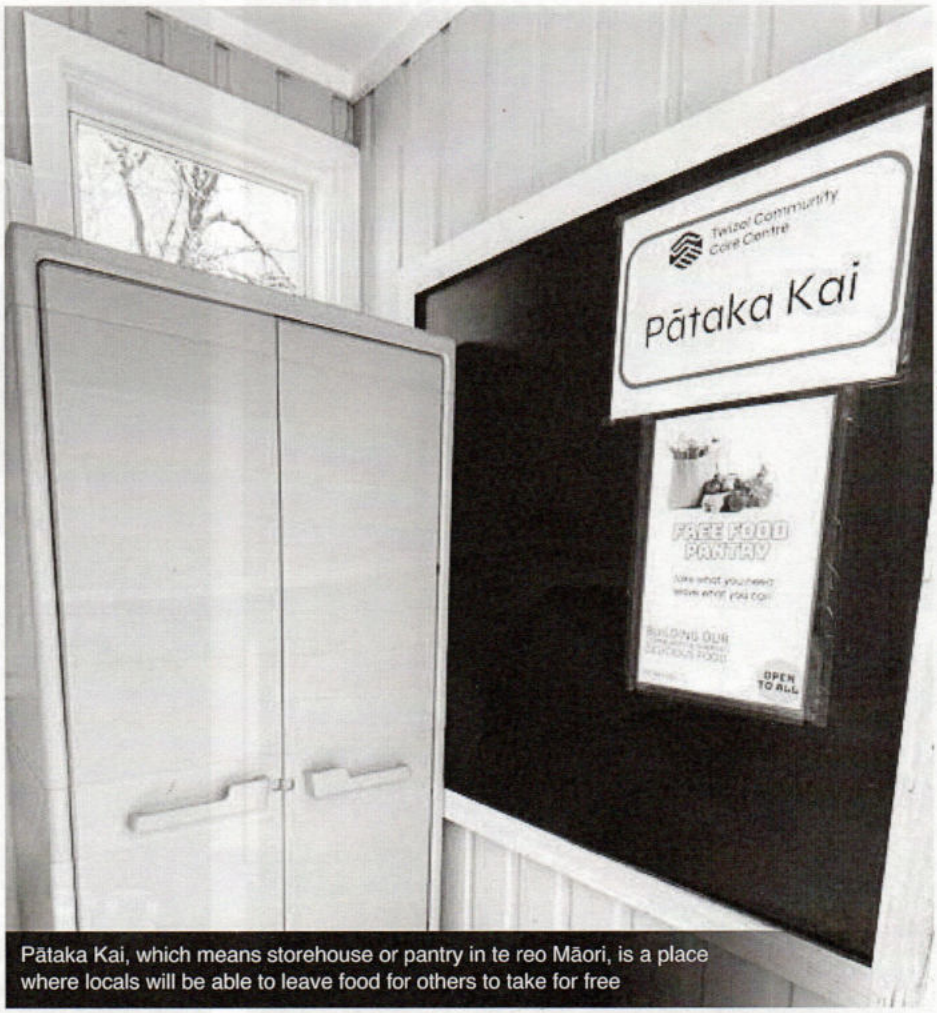
This will be available to everyone with no form filling, easy access, and no judgements whatsoever. Everyone is invited to take or leave food and what better way to support each other?

Kiwis throw away over 122,000 tonnes of food every single year! This incentive may just help to reduce some of that waste by sharing with others what you won't eat.

Aside from donating foods, the centre asks that you as a community look after the pantry. Keep it tidy and please don't leave any rubbish – the pātaka is only for food, ideally fresh items, some non-perishables, eggs, bread, etc. and fruit and veggies from your gardens.

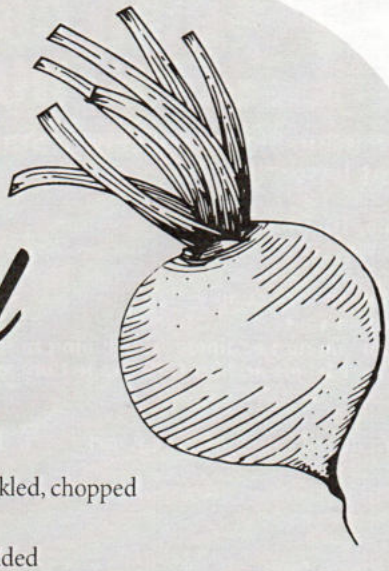
*Manaakitanga is a powerful way of expressing how Māori communities care about each other's wellbeing, nurture relationships, and engage one another.

Twizel Community Care Centre



Pātaka Kai, which means storehouse or pantry in te reo Māori, is a place where locals will be able to leave food for others to take for free

Quinoa and Beetroot Salad



The longer warmer days of spring always send my family into salads. In the coming weeks I will share what we call a 'Big Mac' salad, which is kind of healthy, but this week is a healthy heart salad from the New Zealand Heart Foundation.

This one is a light and tasty salad with lots of flavour that includes one of the grains many consider a superfood, quinoa. Quinoa is a whole grain packed with nutrients, fibre, protein, and plant compounds. It can have a slightly nutty flavour.

Quinoa is an ancient South American grain that was largely ignored for centuries. It is now considered a specialty food by foodies and the health conscious.

Eat it as a light lunch by itself or as a side dish in a larger meal. This will make six serves and takes around 45 minutes to prepare.

INGREDIENTS

950g beetroot, whole
10ml oil
150g quinoa
380ml water
50g jalapeño chillies, pickled, chopped
85g feta cheese, diced
35g Italian parsley, shredded
10ml extra virgin olive oil
20ml sherry vinegar

METHOD

Heat oven to 225°C.

Cut stalks off beetroot and coat in oil, then roast for approximately 45 minutes or until a knife can be inserted easily. Set aside and cool.

Once cool, rub the skin off with your thumb, then dice beetroot into 1cm cubes.

While beetroot is cooking, bring quinoa and water to the boil. Cover and simmer gently until all the water has been absorbed. Allow quinoa to cool.

Gently mix all ingredients together just before serving.

Recipe from heartfoundation.org.nz

Quinoa is an ancient grain, now recognised as a superfood. Full of nutritional value, it is great in salads like this week's recipe featuring beetroot, feta, and jalapeños

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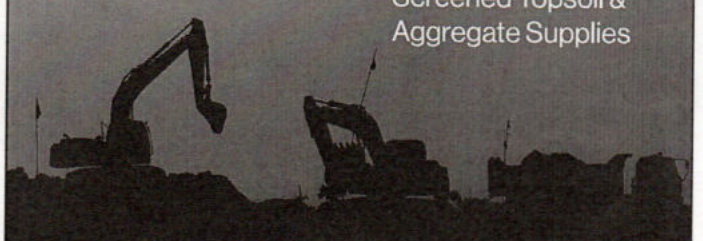

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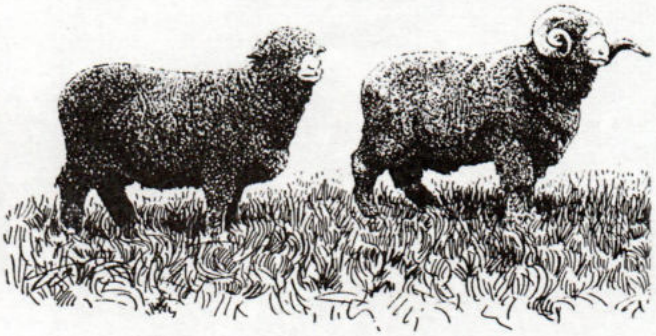
A Message From The Rural Community

It's lambing and calving season again in the Mackenzie and local farmers would like to remind residents, visitors and fishermen to please keep well clear of any lambing paddocks.

Merino ewes are very nervous mothers and if disturbed will flee the area leaving their abandoned lamb to perish.



With the high incidence of sheep worrying in this area there is zero tolerance shown to any unrestrained dogs found roaming on farm land.

For health and safety reasons please always ask permission before entering any private farm land.

This includes Whites Camp and The Ben Ohau Pyramid.

Thank you for your cooperation.

THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO MAKING LIFE'S TOUGHEST DECISIONS

Life presents us with a multitude of choices, some straightforward, while others leave us feeling uncertain. Whether you're contemplating a significant career change, facing a major life decision, or aiming to enhance your overall decision-making skills, this comprehensive guide will walk you through the process, offering you valuable insights and practical advice. Let's embark on this journey toward confident and informed decision-making.

STEP 1: VISUALISE YOUR IDEAL OUTCOME

Regardless of the nature of your decision, the first step is to envision your dream outcome. To illustrate, let's consider the example of a career change:

- Find a tranquil space where you can concentrate without distractions.
- Visualise your dream job. Is it an in-person position or one that allows remote work? How many hours per week would you like to commit?
- Delve into the specifics of your daily tasks and responsibilities. Make a job description of it.
- Consider the emotions and feelings you wish to experience in this role. What core values hold significance for you?

Visualising your ideal outcome helps you gain clarity about your aspirations, setting the foundation for effective decision-making.

STEP 2: RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Now, let's transition to the research and planning phase:

- Initiate both personal and market research to understand your available options.
- Pose essential questions to yourself: What skills do you currently possess? Is further education or training required?
- Examine your financial situation and the amount of time you can allocate to learning or initiating change.

Engaging in detailed research and planning provides you with a well-rounded view of your options and the necessary steps to reach your desired goal.

STEP 3: WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS

Next, it's time to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages associated with each option:

- Engage your imagination and project yourself into the future, considering how each choice would impact your life five or ten years down the road. Does it align with your long-term sense of fulfilment and well-being?
- Assess the potential risks and rewards linked to each option.
- If your decision is temporary in nature, consider if it aligns with your broader, overarching objectives.

Life presents us with a multitude of choices, some straightforward while others leave us feeling uncertain. Which way?

Carefully considering the pros and cons empowers you to make an informed and balanced decision.

STEP 4: ALIGN WITH YOUR DREAM OUTCOME

Select the option that best aligns with your dream outcome:

- Embrace change, even if it initially triggers discomfort. Growth often takes place beyond your comfort zone.
- Recognise that time will pass regardless of your decision. Why delay progress when you can start taking steps toward your dream now?
- Prioritise action over perfection. Progress beats perfection any day.
- Keep in mind that life is fleeting, and you have only one chance to live it to the fullest. Choose the path that resonates with your values and goals.
- By aligning your decision with your dream outcome, you set the stage for a fulfilling journey.

Additional tips for confident decision-making:

- Don't wait for life to be 100% aligned to make the change you want, life is always in movement, and you are the one to align it.
- Be mindful that an excessive focus on planning can often serve as a clever disguise for procrastination in the name of learning.
- Blend it with other techniques like hypnosis that can serve as a valuable tool in this decision-making journey by promoting relaxation and enhancing mental clarity. Guided
- hypnosis sessions and self-hypnosis can reduce anxiety, tap into your inner wisdom, and give you a deeper understanding of your desires and priorities. This heightened state of awareness can facilitate more confident and focused decision-making, ultimately leading to choices that align with your long-term goals. Hypnosis is a powerful tool to help you to eliminate the mental blocks and limiting beliefs that may be holding you from living the life you want.
- Take the leap, and the universe will catch you! Embrace change, take decisive action, and observe as your choices guide you toward a brighter future. Your ideal life is within reach, and you possess the tools to transform it into a reality.

Rafa Tadielo

NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK READY TO OPEN

Just in time for the summer riding season, the brand new Man Made Hill mountain bike trail is set to be officially opened by the Mackenzie District Mayor on Saturday.

The facility has been funded through Council with expert contractors ensuring the trail is fit for purpose and ready to roll. The grand opening is this Saturday with a great day out planned for those ready for the ride.

The Twizel Mountain Bike Club has been working with Mackenzie District Council (MDC), RideLine, and Graded Earth to develop a bespoke mountain bike track on Man Made Hill. Following initial testing and a recent resurfacing the trail that is soon to open to the public is set to be a popular ride in the coming months.

The Man Made Hill track is described as an Advanced Blue Flow Trail, combining pump and jump features. Speaking with Mick Ward, one of the members of the newly incorporated Twizel Mountain Biking Club, early feedback from those who have helped bed in the trail is very good.

"I enjoy the track," says Mick, who also says the track is rated around a four on the scale that mountain bike rides are rated with. "One to three would be like the Alps 2 Ocean in most places," meaning it is off sealed roads and mostly flat, "but four puts it at a rideable level for most with riding skill, without lifting it to the expert or professional level," which would exclude many riders. "This is the perfect in-between trail," he says.

Mick says locals could build their skill and riding knowledge by starting on the pump track along Glen Lyon Road, then try some of the other tracks and jumps near the Twizel River before tackling the new Man Made Hill venue.

Mick says, "I wondered when I moved here about four or five years ago why there were not more tracks, and speaking to others in the area realised there is a definite need for a ride like this one," and more most likely needed in the future.

Twizel Mountain Bike Club has a board of seven with somewhere around 30 members currently. The club has been scouting locations with the mind to look to develop more tracks for use, "The issue is the lack of hills close to town", so the group is looking to farm land and areas close to town but with the features needed for developing more rides of varying difficulty.

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Obviously there is a lot of Department

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Mountain biking is now a professional and Olympic sport offering thrills and excitement for those willing to take the journey

The trail has been closed to the public during completion, but will open from this Saturday

of Conservation land locally, so there might be a need to do some deals with local landholders to try and find the right spaces. No doubt the club would love to hear from anyone who thinks they might have some available land to help develop the sport.

Looking at what some of the young local mountain bike riders did with the now off-limits trail on the old Dump Hill impressed him in terms of their commitment to making something for themselves and believes there would be plenty of hands on deck to help with the hours of work needed to move the list of local riding spots ahead.

While the club has only recently been formed into an official incorporated one, the interest in mountain biking has been here for many years. The desire for more riding areas just keeps growing.

Now that the track has been expertly crafted and bedded in it is time to open to the public. Recently there have been some riding days, but the trail has mostly been closed. Even on the few days they have been able to ride Man Made Hill, the interest has been strong with locals and visiting riders keen to try out the track.

To help Twizel get the most from the new track, the Twizel Mountain Bike Club is hosting a 'Give it a Go' session for anyone wanting to upskill for the new Flow trail.

Opening day is this Saturday, 14 October from 11am till late. There will be much on offer for anyone wanting to ride.

The official opening will be conducted by Mackenzie District Mayor Anne Munro.

ALine Coaching will be providing support so head over to meet the team behind Twizel Mountain Bike Club and join them for some festivities.

There will be a fundraising barbecue (bring cash), coaching, some prizes to win, and a great chance to meet other likeminded riding people, and maybe even join the Twizel Mountain Biking Club.

This has been a great local initiative and will make use of an area of town that is under development. Twizel Community Board Chair Tracey Gunn says the board is "delighted to see the quality and scope of the new trail". The finished product is "Even better than we expected and this will be a great asset for the community. We envisage both local riders and visitors to Twizel in our busy holiday periods will be as happy with the track as we are."

Funding from MDC has enabled the track to become what it is.

Mountain biking has been a category in the Summer Olympics since the Atlanta, Georgia games in 1996. The sport is known as mountain bike racing and is competitive inside of the category of cross-country racing that is played over a two-day period during the duration of each Summer Olympic Games.

For event updates and to join the Twizel Mountain Bike Club page visit their Facebook group.

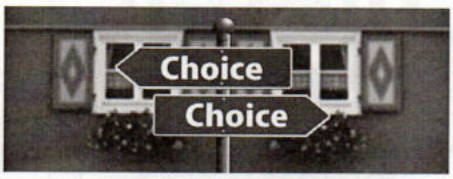
Matt Gunn

A FASCINATING WEEK AWAITS

They say, "A week is a long time in politics". Anything can happen and this week coming could be as interesting as they get. Election 2023 will be finished by the time we return for another issue of the *Twizel Update* on 18 October, but will that mean we have a Government in place?

There has been plenty of talk in the last seven days in the media by political correspondents, given the dqisagreements between parties, that there could be a possibility of no deals done to form a majority coalition. The thought of this is quite an issue. Could it be that 'The People' go to the polls and vote for who they want in parliament, and yet the parties in a position to move forward choose not to do so? It would seem highly unlikely any one party will win enough seats to rule alone, so we will need a coalition.

One would think that in the climate the country faces, the huge debt incurred during a pandemic, the income lost due to a no travel period meaning no tourism, and an ever present and growing cost of living crisis, that



this possibility could not be a real one. How could a group of people voted by those they say they live to represent, turn their backs on the electorate and refuse to co-operate? The system is what it is, and regardless of whether or not that pleases the politicians, isn't it the wishes of the country that should rule?

I'm not naïve enough to believe that, but it is the basis of a democracy. In a recent poll it was reported that 65% of those taking part felt the country was not heading in the right direction, whatever that means to those answering the question. From the result of that poll it would be hard to imagine that change is not on the cards. But you never know.

However that change or otherwise looks, our problems will not disappear into thin air; there is a long road to this country delivering on the promises many hope for.

If it comes to pass that we have a situation where 'We can't work with them' is heard, then I believe that we are lost. Many of us have had to work with people we don't agree with, that is working life, but then again we are not in a situation where our nationwide peers vote us as individuals into positions to represent the many.

I cannot remember an election where so many are still undecided who to back. I am in that boat.

Voting closes Saturday at 7pm. Good luck.

Here is where you can vote in Twizel:

TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE, MARKET PLACE

Wednesday, 11 October: 11am–6pm

Thursday, 12 October: 11am–6pm

Friday, 13 October: 11am–7pm

Saturday, 14 October: 9am–7pm

Matt Gunn

PROPERTY TALK

I hope you're getting to take advantage of this stunning spring sunshine!

I just wanted to keep you updated with last month's sales statistics. There are more recently SOLD properties to share, showing the property market is starting to thrive, always great news after a slow winter!

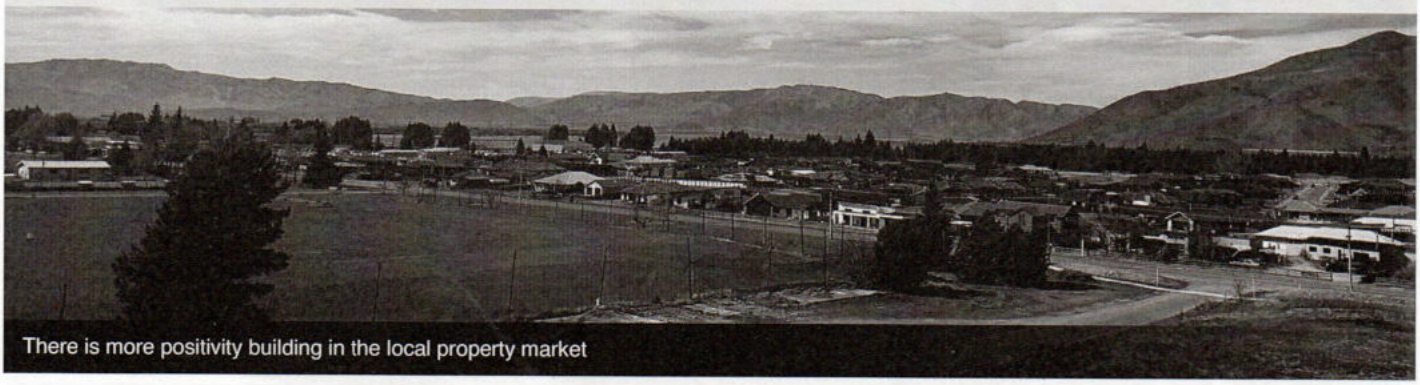
As always if you're considering selling your property, or simply want to chat about your options, get in touch – my door is always open.

TWIZEL – SEPTEMBER

- 1 land section in Twizel and 1 at Manuka Terrace ranging from $284,500–$400,000.
- 1 hydro property at $520,000
- 4 properties in Twizel ranging from $775,000–$875,000.
- Median house price at $859,000 in September
- In the last 30 days, 13 properties went to market
- Strong buyer and seller interest is positively increasing

REINZ sales stats – all agencies.

Yours in real estate
Coralie Reid



There is more positivity building in the local property market

VALUATIONS UP 16% FOR MACKENZIE DISTRICT

Mackenzie property owners will soon receive new three-yearly rating valuations in the post.

Updated values have been prepared for all 5,256 properties in the district by independent valuers Quotable Value (QV) on behalf of Mackenzie District Council (MDC). They reflect the likely price a property would have sold for on 1 July 2023, not including chattels.

Since the district's last revaluation in 2020, the value of residential housing has increased by an average of 16%. The average house value is now at $758,000, while the corresponding average land value has increased by 14.5% to a new average of $365,000.

QV Valuer Jeremy Clayton said Mackenzie's property market had experienced "steady growth" over the last three years. "Fairlie and Twizel have experienced more growth than Lake Tekapo, due to its market being greatly influenced by tourism numbers, which were significantly constrained when our borders were closed at the height of the pandemic. However, Tekapo has the highest average capital value of approximately $1,138,000, followed by Twizel, with an average capital value of $723,000, and Fairlie with $465,000," he said.

Meanwhile, commercial property values have increased by 16% and property values in the industrial sector have increased by 30% since the district's last rating valuation in 2020. Commercial and industrial land values have also increased by 10% and 47% respectively.

The average capital value of an improved lifestyle property has increased by 35% to $800,000, while the corresponding land value for a lifestyle property increased by 42% to $450,000.

The latest data shows that pastoral continues to dominate the rural sector locally, with an 18% increase in capital values compared to pastoral increase of 18%. "The lifestyle and rural residential market have had strong interest from out-of-town buyers due to their relatively lower value levels compared to other regions," Clayton added.

The total rateable value for the district is now $6.3 billion, with the land value of those properties now valued at $3.5 billion.

WHAT ARE RATING VALUATIONS?

Rating valuations are usually carried out on all New Zealand properties every three years to help local councils set rates for the following three-year period. They are not intended to be used for any other purpose, including raising finance with banks or as insurance valuations.

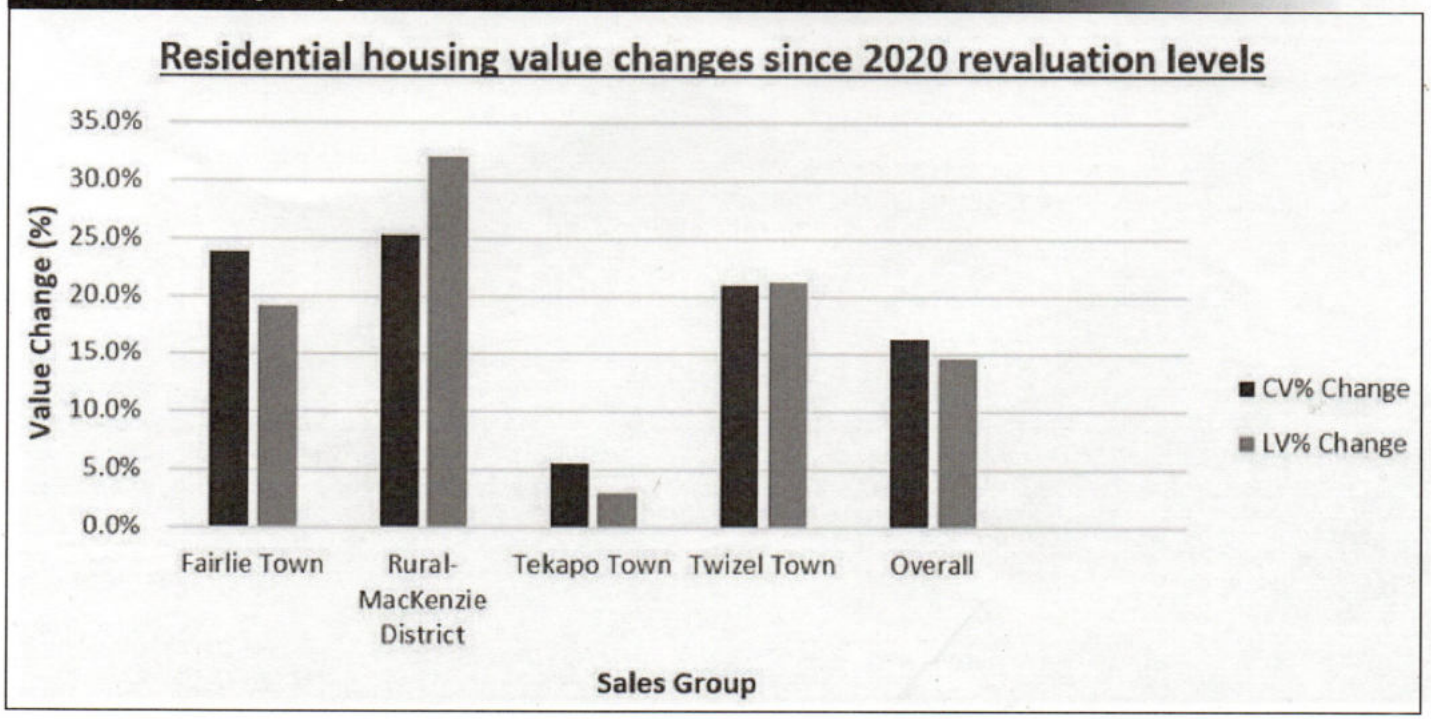
They reflect the likely selling price of a property at the effective revaluation date, which was 1 July 2023, and do not include chattels. Any changes in the market since that time will not be included in the new rating valuations, which often means that a sale price achieved today will be different to the new rating valuation.

Rating valuations are calculated using a highly complex and detailed process that utilises all relevant property sales from your area. A large number of properties will also be physically assessed, particularly those that have been issued building consents in the last three years.

The updated rating valuations are then independently audited by the Office of the Valuer General to ensure they meet rigorous quality standards, before the new rating valuations are confirmed and posted to property owners.

Matt Gunn

Newer house builds in areas like the Four Lakes subdivision and expanding rural and lifestyle sections are contributing to rising valuations due from QV New Zealand



OBJECTING TO VALUATIONS

The valuation rolls for Mackenzie District Council (MDC) have been revised by Quotable Value Limited as Council's valuation service provider.

The revised rating values are effective as at 1 July 2023 and the new notices of valuation will be posted to owners and ratepayers from 11 October 2023. The District Valuation Rolls will be open for public inspection, free of charge, during regular office hours, at the offices of Mackenzie District Council, Fairlie.

The revised values can be viewed until 16 November 2023.

You can also search valuations on the QV website at https://www.qv.co.nz, although as of Monday this week any new valuations were not listed, only the numbers from 2020.

Objections to the revised valuations must be lodged, in writing or online at www.ratingvalues.co.nz no later than 16 November 2023.

Objection forms are available from MDC or Quotable Value Limited and should be posted to:

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More information about 'Understanding your Rating Value' can be found at www.ratingvalues.co.nz.

Matt Gunn

If you don't like how the new valuations look for your property, you can take the matter up with QV's formal objections process

SPORTING CLUB NEWS

With a new season of sport on the horizon we would like to be able to work with any and all clubs in the area to report on the happenings within clubs, get the results out there, and provide general updates and information to help you grow.

If you are wanting to promote your sporting club we are here to help. We are happy to take your reports if your club has someone interested in doing that, or we can work with each and every club looking to promote their sport by helping with compiling reports for you.

Let's start the ball rolling, contact editor@twizel.info.

Matt Gunn

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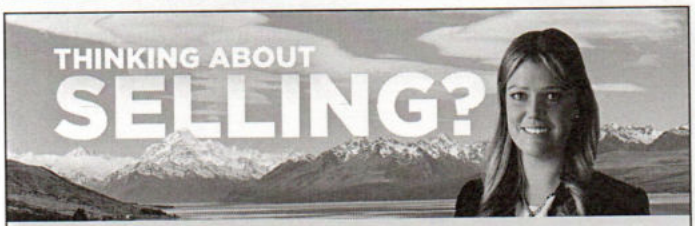

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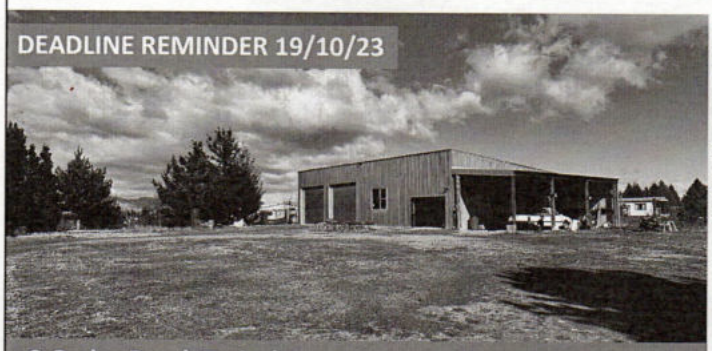

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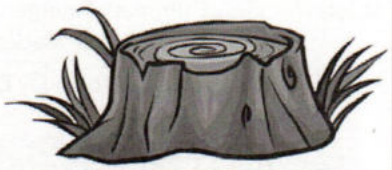

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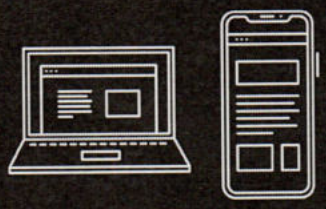

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Twizel Medical Centre

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Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-5:00pm

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Our Team: NP Gemma Hutton, GP George Giddings ; Admin/Receptionists Donna, Yawei, Barbara, Laura and Sue; Nurses Paula, Zoe, Jess, and Liz are passionate about our community accessing a high quality service.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMBINED SERVICES CLUB
Annual Spud in the Bucket Competition.
Registration Sunday 15th October 4.30pm. $10 per entry.
Competition for Members and Affiliate Members.
Step up to the challenge.

TELC I TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE AGM NOTICE
We're pleased to invite all community members to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Twizel Early Learning Centre.

Date: **25th October 2023**
Time: **7:30pm**
Location: **Twizel Early Learning Centre (TELC), 1 Market Place, Twizel.**

MERIDIAN TWIZEL HARD LABOUR WEEKEND
Meridian Twizel Hard Labour Weekend Committee wish to advise that Lake Ruataniwha will be closed to power boats on Saturday 21 October 2023 from 7.00am until 9.00am for the running of the Steve Skinner Memorial Kayak Race.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AGM - TWIZEL SWIMMING CLUB INC
Community Care Centre Lounge
11th October 2023 at 7pm
The purpose of the AGM is to elect a committee for the summer swim season, if you are interested in the Club, you can support us by becoming involved.
If you can't attend the meeting but would like to offer your support, email us at twizelswimclub@gmail.com and we will contact you after the AGM.
We look forward to seeing you all,
Treasurer
Twizel Swimming Club Incorporated

YOGA CLASSES & EVENTS
Spring Wellbeing Morning & Lunch Sat. October 7 10am-1pm Te Whare Mahana $35
Mondays 6pm from 16/10 6pm; Saturdays 9am from 21/10 - koha
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Covid vaccinations are now available on request at the Twizel Medical Centre.
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Or you can still book through bookmyvaccine.health.nz.
We can do these at any time one of our nurses is available - we no longer need to run a clinic to do multiple Covid vaccinations at a time.

BEN OHAU GOLF CLUB RESULTS
A Stableford Round was played and the results were as follows:
1st: B Cowan 34 points
2nd: D Rawlings 33 points
3rd: L Coutts, Otago GC 33 points
Twos: L Coutts #17

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Please do not sign any documents before you see a JP. Ring for an appointment. The JP service is free.

Man Made Hill
Mountain Bike Trail Opening

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The Twizel Mountain Bike Club has been working with Mackenzie District Council, RideLine and Graded Earth to develop a bespoke mountain bike track on Man Made Hill. Opening day is 14 October, so save the date!

The Man Made Hill track is an Advanced Blue Flow Trail, combining pump and jump features. To help Twizel get the most from the new track, the Twizel Mountain Bike Club is hosting a 'Give it a Go' session for anyone wanting to upskill for the new Flow trail.

'Give It a Go' Riverside Pump Track
Saturday 7 October - 10:00am senior citizens, 11:00am everyone else
This session is free to club members and $20 for non-members. The session is hosted by the Twizel Mountain Bike Club and JJ from ALine Coaching.

Man Made Hill Trail Opening
Saturday 14 October - 11:00am-Late
The official opening will be conducted by Mackenzie District Mayor, Anne Munro. ALine Coaching will be providing support. Come down and meet the team behind Twizel Mountain Bike Club, and join us for:

- Fundraising barbeque (bring cash)
- Coaching
- Prizes
- To connect with other riders

For event updates and to join the Twizel Mountain Bike Club page **scan the QR code at right** or visit **facebook.com/groups/twizelmountainbikeclub**

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Twizel Promotions and Development Association Incorporated will be held in the Twizel Promotions Office, 26a Market Place, Twizel
on

Tuesday 17th October at 7pm

Agenda

1. Present the Annual report for the Year ended 30 June 2023.
2. To receive and, if thought fit, approve the financial accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2023.
3. To appoint the accounts reviewer for the year commencing 1 July 2023.
4. Election of Officers for the Management Committee
   a. Chairperson
   b. Deputy Chairperson
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
5. Constitution review and update
6. Approval of membership benefits and annual subscriptions

Nominations.

Nomination forms can be obtained from and returned to the Association's office, or email office@twizel.info

Each candidate must be nominated and seconded by a financial member with the candidate's approval. Nominees must also be a financial member. Where a candidate is unable to attend, written consent must be provided.

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Mackenzie County Scholarship

The Trust has Scholarships available for the first year tertiary education of post Year 12 NCEA Level 2 level.

Applications are invited from students currently attending Mackenzie College or Twizel Area School; or who are residents of the Mackenzie District; or one of whose parents (or the student's principal guardian / caregiver) is a permanent resident of the Mackenzie District.

There are three scholarships available, each to the value of $2000.

Applications close
Friday 10 November at 5:00pm

Please visit mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Mackenzie County Scholarship **for more details and to fill in the online application form.**

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Bruce Scott Memorial Prize

The Mackenzie District Council recognises the contribution of the late Bruce Scott by way of an annual prize to be awarded to a senior secondary student, resident of the Mackenzie District, who best exhibits sustained effort and application in all that they do and who always demonstrates good citizenship, practical skills and leadership potential.

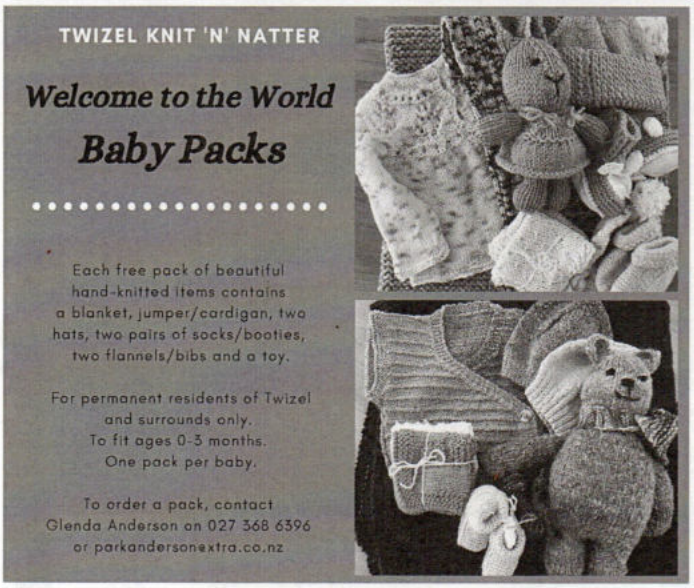
Applications close
Friday 10 November at 5:00pm

Please visit mackenzie.govt.nz > Community > Grants and Scholarships > Bruce Scott Memorial Prize **for more details and to fill in the online application form.**

TWIZEL KINDERGARTEN GOLDEN JUBILEE

On Friday, 20 October, the Twizel Kindergarten will be holding an open day to celebrate being 50 years old. At 11:30am there will be a brief formal acknowledgement followed by the cutting of a special cake.

Everyone is welcome to visit the kindergarten on this day and mark the contribution of our kindergarten to our community in the past and into the future.



MACKENZIE ALPINE TRUST AGM & GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12 October 2023
We are looking for new members to help manage and service backcountry huts in the Mackenzie
7.30pm at Tekapo Fire station
Apologies and enquires call Pete Munro 0211685388

What's Happening at Church this Sunday?

15 October, 10am

Hoppie will be sharing about his experiences in the mission field.

Followed by morning tea.

Join Us For Church

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: 5pm Saturday, All Saints Church.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

EVERY MONDAY
Mainly Music: 10am, Church Hall.
Badminton: 5.30–7.30pm, Twizel Events Centre.
Yoga 5:45-7pm Twizel Community Centre

1ST MONDAY OF MONTH
Twizel Sports Development Board Meeting: 7.30pm, Contact admin@sporttwizel.co.nz or 027 545 1519.

EVERY TUESDAY
Kindergarten Playgroup: 9–10am, 135 Mackenzie Drive.
Twizel Seido Karate Kids' Classes: 5.15–6pm, Church Hall.
Twizel Seido Karate Adult Classes: 6–7.30pm, Church Hall.
COVID Vaccination Clinic: 1pm to 2:30pm, Twizel Medical Centre. Book via Bookmyvaccine.nz or phone 0800 28 29 26.
The Club Art Group: 1pm – 3pm, The Club, Ohau Road.
Tai Chi: 10 am, Church Hall.
Toy library 3-4pm, 5 Pukaki place

4TH TUESDAY OF MONTH
TPDA Meeting: 6:30pm, Twizel Promotions office, 26a Market Place, Twizel.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Senior Circuit: 10am, Church Hall.
Lake Tekapo Night Food Market: 4-8pm. Tekapo Village Square
Plunket Toy Library 3:30-4:30pm

1ST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH
Arowhenua Health Clinic: 11am-3pm, Community Care Centre.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH
Greenfingers Garden Club Sharon 027 208 2102

EVERY THURSDAY
Patchwork Group: 10am–3pm, Church Hall.
Twizel Op Shop: 1–4pm, Mackenzie Drive (next to church).
Twizel Climbing Wall: 7–9pm, Twizel Events Centre.
Social Bridge: 7–9pm, contact: Pamela 022 010 9896.
Playgroup and toy library 9:30-11am 5 Pukaki place

2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH
The Genealogy Group: 1.30pm, Community Care Centre. If you are interested contact Jenny Rodger 03 435 3177

EVERY FRIDAY
Little Movers: 9:30am, Twizel Events Centre.
Social Walking Group: 10am, Musterers Hut Café.

EVERY SATURDAY
Twizel Op Shop: 11am–1pm, Mackenzie Drive (next to Church).
Catholic Mass: 5pm, All Saints Church.

4TH SATURDAY OF MONTH
Clay Target Club: 10am. For corporate or group shots phone Steve 027 445 4055.

EVERY SUNDAY
Co-operating Parish: 10am, All Saints Church.
Inspire Community Church: 10am, Community Care Centre, Mt Cook Street

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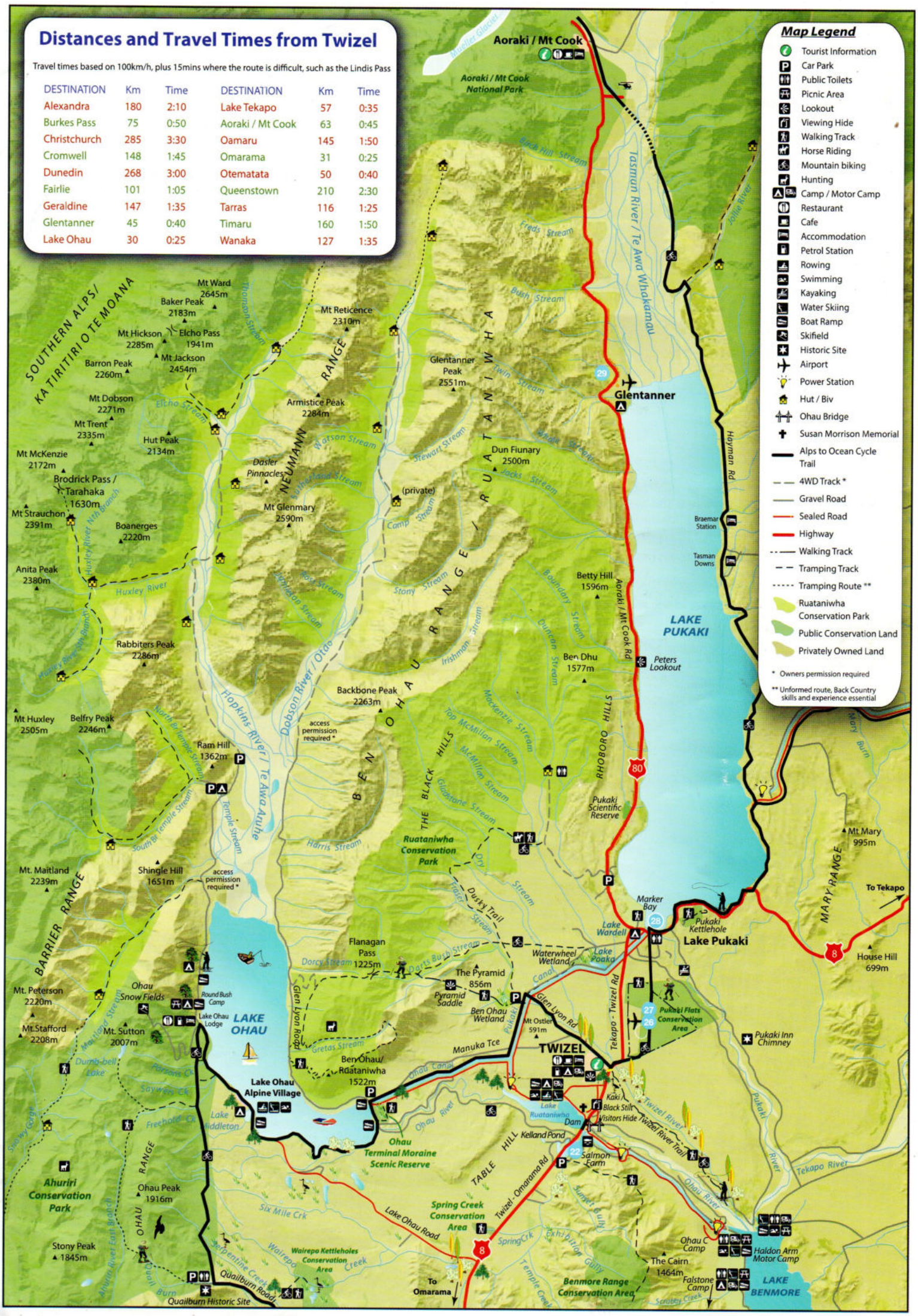
Distances and Travel Times from Twizel

Travel times based on 100km/h, plus 15mins where the route is difficult, such as the Lindis Pass

DESTINATION	Km	Time	DESTINATION	Km	Time
Alexandra	180	2:10	Lake Tekapo	57	0:35
Burkes Pass	75	0:50	Aoraki / Mt Cook	63	0:45
Christchurch	285	3:30	Oamaru	145	1:50
Cromwell	148	1:45	Omarama	31	0:25
Dunedin	268	3:00	Otematata	50	0:40
Fairlie	101	1:05	Queenstown	210	2:30
Geraldine	147	1:35	Tarras	116	1:25
Glentanner	45	0:40	Timaru	160	1:50
Lake Ohau	30	0:25	Wanaka	127	1:35



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Map Legend

- Parking
- Toilets
- Post Office
- Library
- Telephone
- Police
- Bus Stop
- Supermarket
- NZ Bank / ATM
- Twizel Area School
- Tennis Courts
- Swimming
- Skate Park
- Twizel Events Centre
- Playground
- Giant Chess Board
- Petrol Station
- Dump Station

Map Legend
Medical Centre
Ambulance
Fire Station
Department of Conservation
Recycling Centre
Mechanic
Petrol Station
Cemetery
Lake & River Track
Walking Track
Cycle Track
Bowling Green
Driving Range
Lookout
Campsite/Motor Camp
Picnic Area
Playground
Church
Alps2Ocean Cycle Trail
Fraser River
to Lake Ohau
TWIZEL WALKWAY
Reservoir
GLEN LYON ROAD
TWIZEL DOMAIN
Twizel River
TWIZEL - TEKAPO ROAD
BOUNDARY TCE
OLD GLEN LYON RD
GLEN CAIRN ROAD
WOLDS PLACE
MACAULAY PLACE
TEKAPO DRIVE
GODLEY ST
MACKENZIE DRIVE
NUNN'S VEIL RD
PLAYING FIELD
MOUNT COOK
MACKENZIE DRIVE
JOLLIE ROAD
HUNTER CRES
FALSTONE CRES
HUXLEY PLACE
IRISHMAN DRIVE
MAITLAND PLACE
CASS CRES
SEALY ST
CRES
FRASER
MARYBURN ROAD
MARKET PLACE
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TWO THUMB DRIVE
TASMAN ROAD
SEFTON ST
HOPKINS ROAD
RHOBORO ROAD
NORTH WEST ARCH
BRAEMAR PLACE
MACKENZIE DRIVE
PUKAKI PLACE
RUATAN IWHA ROAD
DOBSON PL
HAL LEWELL ROAD
SIMONS ST
Frisbee Golf
WAIREPO ROAD
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BENDROSE PLACE
CRES
PRESTON PLACE
TOTARA DRIVE
RATA ROAD
OMAHAU
Marae
BEN OHAU GOLF COURSE
GLENBROOK CRES
M'HUTCHESON WAY
BIRCH HILL DRIVE
JACK ADAMSON DRIVE
GLENFIELD AVENUE
MANMADE HILL LOOKOUT
SOUTH ROAD
BENMORE PLACE
BATCHER ROAD
LAKELAND AVE
FIELD PL
GREEN
GRANDVUE DRIVE
UNWIN PL
AORAKI CRES
PENSTOCK PLACE
TWIZEL WALKWAY
OSTLER ROAD
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TWIZEL-OMARAMA ROAD
TEMPLE DRIVE
WOODLEY AVE
HOMESTEAD AVE
WOODLEY AVE
THE DRIVE
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CRESCENT
JOCKS TERRACE
AVLIS PLACE
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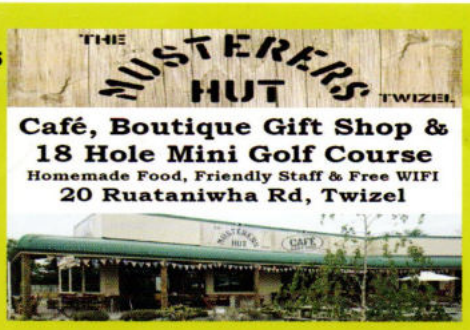

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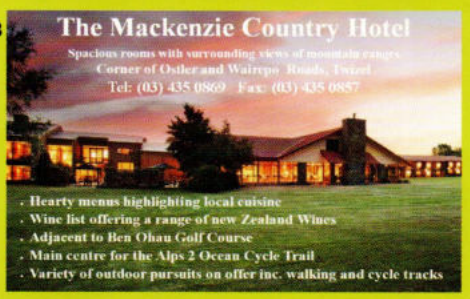

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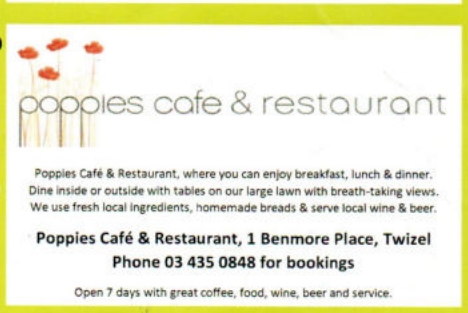

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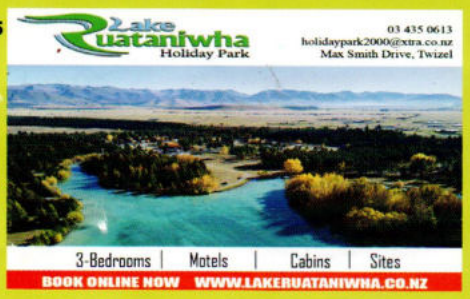

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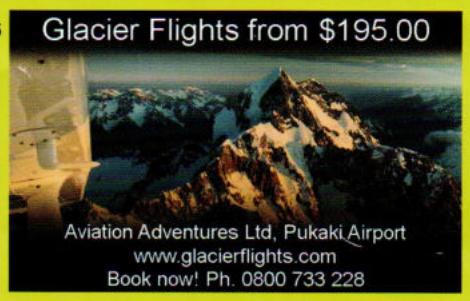

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Vegetarian

Aloo Gobi $22.00
Potatoes and florets of cauliflower cooked with cumin seeds, turmeric, coriander and spices.

Aloo Saag $23.00
Potatoes cooked with spinach and spices.

Vegetable Korma $22.00
Mixed vegetables cooked with cashew nuts, mild spices and finished with cream

Vegetable Jalfrezi $23.00
Fresh vegetables cooked with fresh capsicum, onions ginger, garlic and herbs.

Mattar Paneer $22.00
Peas and homemade Indian cottage cheese cooked with tomatoes, spices and herbs.

Palak Paneers $22.00
Cubes of homemade Indian cottage cheese cooked with tomatoes, spinach, spices and herbs.

Shani Paneer $22.00
Homemade Indian cottage cheese cut in cubes and cooked with tomatoes in a creamy cashew nut sauce

Kadai Paneer $23.00
Homemade Indian cottage cheese cooked with capsicum, onions, tomatoes and spices. Specially recommended by Fish Tail.

Daal Makhani $23.00
Black lentils and kidney beans cooked with butter and spices.

Tarka Daal $22.00
Yellow split lentils cooked with cumin seeds, ginger garlic. tomatoes and turmeric.

Aloo Mattar $22.00
Potatoes and peas cooked with tomatoes and spices

Chana Masala $22.00
Chickpeas cooked with ginger, garlic, onions and tomatoes, finished with freshly ground spices.

Malai Kofta $23.00
Homemade cheese stuffed in vegetable balls and cooked in mildly spiced creamy cashew nut sauce. (GF)

Breads

Plain Naan $6.00

Garlic Naan $6.50

Cheese & Garlic Naan $8.50
Naan bread stuffed with cheese and diced garlic.

Chocolate Naan $7.00
Naan bread stuffed with chocolate chips

Keema Naan $8.50
Naan with a stuffing of lamb or chicken.

Onion Kulcha $7.00
Naan with a stuffing of onions and spices.

Paneer Kulcha $8.00
Naan stuffed with home made Indian cottage cheese and spices.

Kashmiri Naan $7.00
Naan topped with nuts and sultanas.

Tandoori Roti $6.00
Wholemeal flour bread baked in the tandoor.

Aloo Parantha $7.00
Flour bread stuffed with pototoes, onions and spices

Fishtail Special Naan $10.00
Bread Stuffed with mix of lamb, chicken, capsicum, mushroom, chesse with medium spice.

Sides, Rice and Drinks

Poppadom $1.00

Raita $4.50
Yoghurt mixed with cucumber and ground spices

Mint Chutney $4.50
Yoghurt with mint, green chillies and spices

Mixed Vegetable Pickle $5.00

Mango Chutney $5.00

Fishtail Salad $18.00
Onions, cucumber, lettuce and tomatoes with lemon juice and a special mix of spices

Mango Lassi- Yoghurt and Mango pulp. $7.00

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Beer, L&P, Keri Apple & Orange Juice $5.00

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Starters

Vegetable Samosa $12.00
Flaky pastry filled with diced potatoes, peas and cummin seed, then fried golden brown. Two Samosas per portion.

Onion Bhajl $10.00
Concoction of onions, silver beet, potatoes, spinach and spices mixed in a pea flour, battered and fried.

Chicken Pakora $17.00
Slices of boneless chicken dipped in chickpea flour and fried in oil.

Dumplings $22.00
Specialty of the house. Meat dumpling mixed with ginger, garlic, coriander and spring onion served with tomato or sesame chutney.

Tandoori Prawns $23.00
Marinated prawns cooked in the tandoor. Nine pieces per portion.

Chicken Tikka $22.00
Fillet of chicken marinated in yoghurt and spices overnight then skewered and cooked in the tandoor. Five pieces per portion.

Tandoori Chicken (full) $38.00
Tandoori Chicken (half) $22.00
Tender spring chicken marinated with fresh herbs and spices, then skewered and cooked in the tandoor.

Seekh Kebab $22.00
Minced meat with an exotic herbs and spices, cooked on skewers searved with salad mint dip.

Vegetarian Mixed platter $35.00
An assortment of vegetarian starters served with tamarind chutney (Samaosas, Onion Bhaji, Cauliflower Pakoras and Tandoori Mushroom Pokora, Panner Pakora Potato Pakora)

Fishtail Special Platter $48.00
Consists of Chicken Tikka Chicken Pakoras, Murg Mali Tikka, Seekh Kebab, Samosas, Onion Bhaji and Tiger Prawns.

All our curries are served with rice.
Please tell us if you want your curry
Mild, Medium, Hot or Super Hot!

Mains

Your choice of Chicken, Lamb or Seafood

Butter Lamb $26.00
Butter Chicken $25.00
A world famous Indian delicacy. Half cooked the tandoori way and finished the curry way, with crushed cashews, cream and spices.

Chicken Tikka Masala $24.00
Pieces of chicken cooked in a tangy onion sauce with tomatoes, garlic, cummin and oriental spices.

Mango Chicken $24.00
Succulent pieces of boneless chicken cooked in a mild fruity mango flavoured sauce.

Chicken Korma $24.00
Lamb Korma $25.00
Traditionally a mild dish cooked in a creamy cashe sauce.

Chicken Madras $24.00
Lamb Madras $25.00
A favourite with those who enjoy their curry hot. A South Indian dish with onions, ginger, garlic, spices and finished with coconut cream.

Chicken Pasanda $24.00
Lamb Pasanda $25.00
A lovely mild curry with diced pieces of meat cooked in fresh cream with onions, cashew nuts, garlic, ginger, coriander, tomatoes and mint.

Bhuna Chicken $24.00
Bhuna Lamb $25.00
Boneless spring chicken or diced lamb cooked with ginger, garlic, fresh coriander, capsicum, onions and spices.

Chilli Chicken $25.00
Chilli Lamb $26.00
Battered fried tender fillets of chicken or prawns sauteed with diced capsicum, onions, seasoned with soy sauce and chillies

Chicken Dhansak $24.00
Lamb Dhansak $25.00
Dhansak is cooked with yellow lentils and finished with Indian spices in a thick gravy.

Mckenzie Country
Venison Curry $27.00
Loaded with flavour from a homemade spice mix and fishtail special sauce.

Chicken Vindaloo $24.00
Lamb Vindaloo $25.00
Prawn Vindaloo $26.00
A hot dish, made world famous by the Chefs of Goa. It has a Portugese influence. It is cooked with vinegar, capsicum and whole spices.

Kadi Chicken $25.00
Kadi Lamb $26.00
Kadi Prawns $27.00
This mouth-watering dish is cooked in an Indian wok with crushed tomatoes, chopped onions, garlic, capsicum and finished in a thick gravy.

Chicken Saagwala $25.00
Lamb Saagwala $26.00
Prawn Saagwala $27.00
This delicious dish is cooked in spinach with onion, tomatoes, ginger, garlic and spices.

Chicken Jhalfrezee $25.00
Lamb Jhalfrezee $26.00
Prawn Jhalfrezee $27.00
Sweet and sour flavour cooked with tomatoes, onions, capsicum, garlic, ginger and finished in a thick gravy.

Rogan Josh $25.00
Spicy lamb curry from the foothills of the Himalayas. Diced lamb cooked in freshly ground spices with a tomato and onion gravy.

Fishtail Lamb $26.00
or Chicken Curry $27.00
This specialty dish consists of diced Lamb or Chicken meat cooked the traditional Nepalese way and garnished with fresh coriander leaves.

Butter Prawns $27.00
Prawns cooked in oriental spices with tomatoes, cashew nut in a creamy butter sauce

Fish Masala $27.00
Pieces of fish cooked with tangy onion sauce, spices and a touch of lemon juice

Fish Malabari $26.00
Prawn Malabari $27.00
Seafood cooked with grated coconut in a cashew nut sauce.

Vegetable Biryani $22.00
Chicken Biryani $24.00
Lamb Biryani $25.00
Prawn Biryani $26.00
Basmati rice cooked with chicken, lamb or prawns topped with nut and fried onions.

Fishtail Signature House Dish - Hilly Goat $28.00
Delicious diced Goat meat cooked with Typical village herbs and spices.